

Thousands Write to Biddle

Of 'Social Justice' Menace

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Judging by the response in telegrams, letters and phone calls, thousands of messages have been dispatched to Attorney General Francis Biddle urging action against *Social Justice*.

On Monday PM proved that *Social Justice* was endangering America's war effort.

Since that day PM received and tabulated 277 written replies, of which only 37 were opposed to PM's stand.

More than half of those who opposed PM's stand failed to sign their names. Many of these wrote about "pogroms," "revolution" and killing those who didn't think Coughlin was a saint or a man on a white horse. Others who hid their bravery behind anonymity wanted "the Jews killed."

This type of letter merely proved PM's point that *Social Justice* incited people to sedition, violence and intolerance.

More than half the replies were from Catholics who said they were Catholics. The overwhelming majority of these praised PM for stressing the point that Coughlin was not just a Catholic issue but an issue of national security.

One reader felt so strongly that he recorded his protest against *Social Justice* on a phonograph record and dispatched it to Attorney General Biddle.

Here is a cross-section of letters PM received:

Dear Editor:

Congratulations on your campaign exposing the machinations of Coughlin.

I believe that Coughlin is a menace to our liberties and our war effort. He must be stopped immediately if we are to win this war and help build a world where man can live in peace. Coughlin is poisoning the human mind and soul; he is destroying our democratic values for which our great men gave their lives. Don't wait until it's too late. Hitler began with the same tactics; he demoralized all youth and destroyed the best in man, making them slaves.

Bronx

J. MONTLACK

The British jailed the Coughlins, Ham Fishes, Dieses and Clivedens—long ago.

New York

W. J. RICE

I am a Catholic to whom the rantings of Father Coughlin have always been an embarrassment. Since he became an anti-Semite, however, I have felt that he has become dangerous, not to say un-Christian. I do not read *Social Justice*, but the quotations from it in PM are sufficient proof that if his Church has not seen fit to silence him, the civil authorities in time of war should, for the dissension and disunity he arouses.

Wellesley Hills, Mass.

LEONORA LIST

Although some dignitaries of the Catholic Church claim that *Social Justice* is not a Catholic publication, yet how many people, be they Catholics, Protestants or Jews can disassociate the instigator from his scurrilous publication? To all intent and purpose to most of us this paper is a Catholic paper.

In view of this we think that the Catholic Church, which has gone on record not once but many times in its abhorrence of Nazism, should accept the responsibility of removing his disgrace to the Church and to stop the publication of this disgusting, debasing and disgraceful so-called newspaper.

Scarsdale

MALCOLM D. MACINNES (Protestant)

HARRIET E. MACINNES (Catholic)

Congratulations on your well-documented feature on the Catholic Fascist movement. do not believe there is a line in it which

could give offense to the thousands of Catholics who are sincerely dedicated to the democratic principles for which we are fighting.

New York

C. C. REID

"Too little and too late." This has been the story of every governmental department in every country that has so far succumbed to the Axis' program of world conquest.

How much longer do we Americans who love our country and are willing to make every sacrifice that she and what she stands for may survive, I say how much longer must we contend with the subversive activities coming from such publications as *Social Justice*, and from such men freely circulating among us as Coughlin and all of the pro-Nazi groups associated with him?

New York

F. M. LEESTON-SMITH

You made a fine distinction between Coughlinites and Catholics. Congratulations!

New York

M. A. MORRISSY

You have done a patriotic service in exposing the treachery of Charles Coughlin. I was able to fill your entire page with signatures of people who were interested in the suppression of treasonable lies in Coughlin's publication.

Union, N. J.

DR. ALAN L. JACOBS

Accept our thanks for the swell job you are doing in publicizing the danger and menace to our country and ideals in Coughlin's Fascist paper *Social Justice*.

New York

MILDRED HAGLER

I do not know the answers. But I do know that our President wishes unity in our country. Hitler wants disunity. Coughlin preaches disunity, therefore he is on Hitler's side. That is treason.

Brooklyn

A. HOLZBERG

Your Coughlin issue is great. No one can possibly smear it as an attack on the Catholic Church, for it has accomplished a much-needed task in showing that *Social Justice* does not represent Catholic thought or the Catholic attitude.

New York

WILLIAM M. AGAR

I will be called into service on or about Apr. 20. Having always considered myself a true American, I am proud of the opportunity to show my appreciation of the blessings bestowed on me as an American. It is time to crack down on all those who would disorganize and help defeat this great Nation, and remove the menace forever.

Bronx

IRVING NUSBAUM

I have spoken to thousands of people in the past two years who have continually asked me, as well as asked themselves: "When will Coughlin be stopped? Who is there in high power who is holding back justifiable prosecution of this man, Charles Coughlin? Where does he get his influence?"

New York

LAWRENCE HORNE

I want you to know that I am with you 100 per cent on your articles on Coughlin, and we here in Boston had to stand for the presence of his satellite Curran. It certainly makes us all wonder just why the Catholics allow such men to carry on, and it surely gives that religion a very black eye.

Boston

MRS. JOHN MCKEY

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ing the people's money smearing the New Deal, it should have muzzled Coughlin and his *Social Justice* a long time ago.
Brooklyn HENRY J. NETZER

Down with PM, the vilest newspaper under the sun. Down with Jews. Let us pray God for the crushing, the extermination of England. Long live Father Coughlin, Ireland, India and Japan!
New York JOHN G. MURPHY

Social Justice is a menace to the country. We have seen and constantly see the poison of bigotry and race prejudice which it has spread and is spreading in and about Newark, and it must be the same throughout the country.
Newark HARRY GREEN

(This is a copy of a letter sent to Attorney General Biddle.—ED.)

Here is why I agree with PM in regard to *Social Justice*:

In August, 1920, one man gathered the entire population of a village in Poland where my family and I lived peacefully and on very friendly terms with all our neighbors, and he incited the people to kill all the Jews who lived there. Twelve of the men agreed with him, and he supplied them with rifles. The result was that 51 Jewish families who had lived there were killed, including my father, mother, brother of 13, and baby sister of 7. About two months later, I met the man who had killed my mother and he asked me to forgive him for he said he must have been crazy to have killed my mother as he had always loved our family. He said he was incited to do this terrible thing because of what the man had said that day in August of 1920.

The same thing must never happen here in our beloved America by a man like Coughlin and his *Social Justice*.

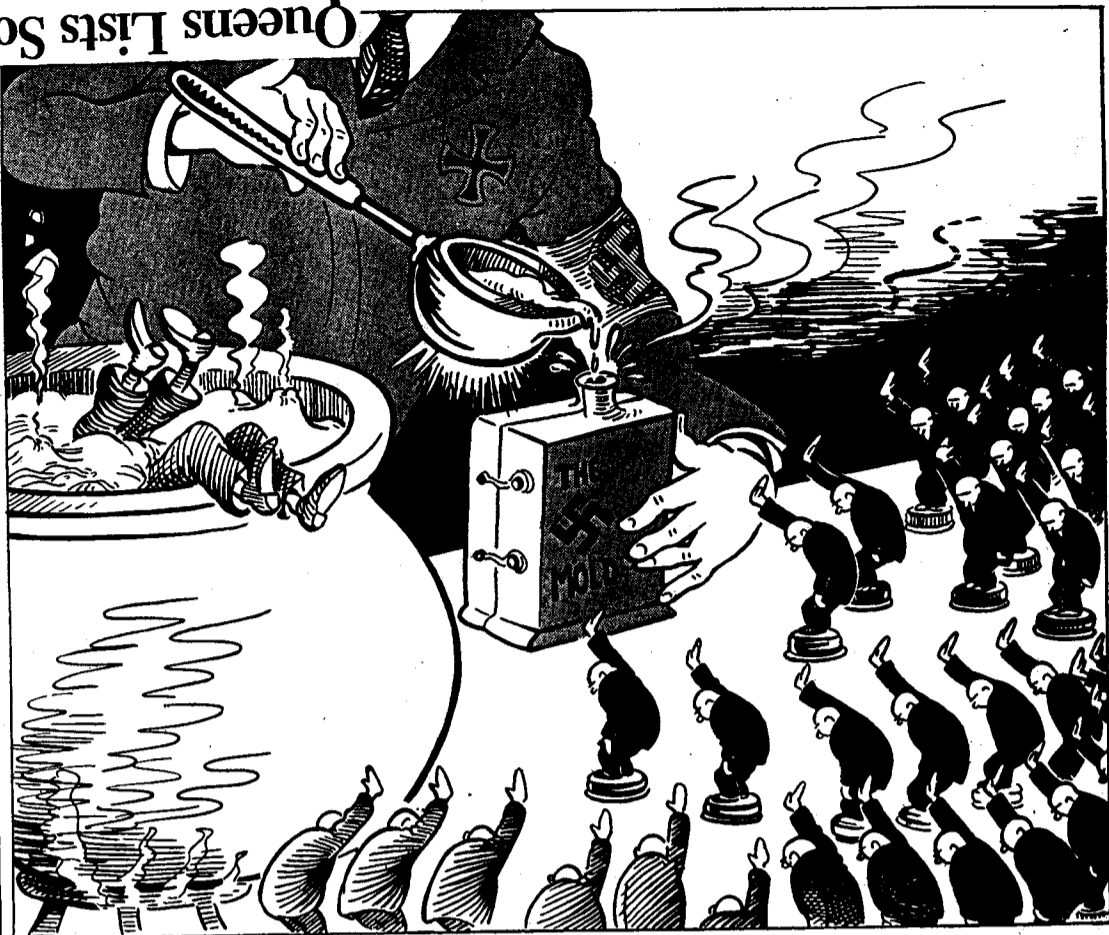
PM is right when they call it Coughlin-cancers. Please cut it out.
New York SAM FOX

I have just finished reading your attack on Father Coughlin and his magazine. You will have your answer in the next issue of *Social Justice*.

We want *Social Justice* because we want to know the truth and not the lies that your scurrilous PM paper prints.
New York KATHLEEN HEALY

Hello, kikes: Can't you filthy, smelling Christ-killers take it? Father Coughlin told the Gospel truth when he exposed you exploiters. I am no Nazi, but I give Hitler credit for one thing and one thing alone—he banished all your kith and kin from Germany, which will eventually happen here. Give me a gun as I have 100 mockies on my list for execution. Long live Father Coughlin!
Newark J. S.

Your slanderous attack on Father Charles E. Coughlin was the vilest, most wicked attack on any individual I have ever read. In all your nine pages of infantile hatred,



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there is not one line of proof in your unbelievable accusation. Instead of advocating the suppression of *Social Justice*, I suggest Ralph Ingersoll and the rest of the PM staff take a course in decent journalism.
Hicksville LUCIA SARLI

We fought Coughlin and *Social Justice* as early as 1938. He is the greatest menace to America today. Coughlin does not speak for the honest Catholic and no decent Catholic can stand up and support his policies. Coughlin is a clever operator and definitely the leader of the Fascist movement in America today.
New York MICHAEL QUILL, International President, Transport Workers Union.

Many thanks for giving us citizens a chance to let our Government know that we want immediate action in curbing Coughlin's seditious utterances. I've long felt strongly about him, but thought that my single vote of protest would be lost. Now I know I will be joining hundreds of my fellow citizens in demanding action now.
White Plains ROBERT KURT UNGEMAH

Those of us who have seen our loved and our friends go to fight against Hitlerism are determined that we who stay behind will guard the home front and guard it well. The chief enemy on the home front is Coughlin, the movement and press he has spawned.

Boston WILLIAM RAYMOND, Executive Secretary, Union for Democratic Action, New England Section.

Congratulations on your timely expose. Civilian Defense volunteers are keenly aware of the damage done by *Social Justice*. We can take care of Nazi incendiary bombs when they come; courageous newspapers can handle the poison pen artists at home.

Boston JAMES E. MARINO, Deputy Sector Warden

Congratulations on your splendid expose of Charlie Coughlin. American seamen who "keep them sailing" call for the elimination of the Coughlins, Dieses and others.

Boston THOMAS MCGOWN, National Maritime Union.

Wonderful job on Coughlin. More power to you.
New York S. N. BEHRMAN

The workers in our shops are now carrying out what you started. Cleanse for unity.
Brooklyn MICHAEL COLEMAN, United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America, CIO.

For some time I have been disturbed by the obvious efforts of *Social Justice* to divide America and obstruct the conduct of the war against our enemies. It is a real public service for PM to expose and condemn these practices.
Cambridge, Mass. RALPH BARTON PERRY, American Defense Harvard Group.

I am one of the many Catholics who is grateful to you for your courageous stand in exposing that infamous heretic Charles Coughlin and in rightfully denouncing his schismatic periodical. Please keep up the good work.
New York BARBARA RUSSELL